

and is sending a clear message: the inclusion of arts in a community will make that community a better place to work, live, and create.

HONORING MRS. JUDITH BERNICE SEEMAN DEL ROSSI AND MR. FRANCIS JOSEPH DEL ROSSI

### HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Judith Bernice Seeman Del Rossi and Mr. Francis Joseph Del Rossi on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Judith and Joseph were married at St. John's Catholic Church in Collingswood, New Jersey, on June 11, 1960. Together, they raised three children: Angeline Rita, Mary Frances, and Francis Joseph. As longtime residents of Pennsauken, New Jersey, Frank taught at Pennsauken High School for 37 years, where he also coached the school's basketball team. Judy served in many Parent Teacher Association leadership roles while her children were young. She recently retired from her job at the Claridge Casino after more than 20 years of service.

Today, Judy and Frank are residing in Marlton, New Jersey. Their 50 years of marriage is a true testament to the loyalty and love they demonstrate in all aspects of their lives.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me on congratulating Judith and Joseph Del Rossi upon the occasion of their 50th anniversary. For their commitment and generosity to family, friends, and each other, they are to be commended.

HONORING MRS. EGLANTINE MELITA GORDON

### HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the late Mrs. Eglantine Melita Gordon. It is with both profound sadness but also an enduring sense of gratitude that I recognize her for the tremendous inspiration she provided to both her church and community.

Affectionately known as "Mama G," Mrs. Gordon was born in Riverside, Hanover, Jamaica on November 26, 1916 to the late Jabez Buchanan and Florence Johnson. She attended Riverside All-Age School, Rusea's Comprehensive High School and Bethlehem Teachers College.

Upon graduation, Mrs. Gordon began her professional career as a teacher at Riverside, Wesley, Elletson, and New Providence primary schools in Jamaica and William Gordon Elementary School in the Bahamas. She was also a private tutor.

She was a member of the Meadowbrook United Church in Jamaica and served as an elder, member of the Women's Guild, and participated in the Social Services Outreach Program.

In Miami, Florida, Mrs. Gordon was a member of Bay Shore Lutheran Church. She served as a greeter and member of the Lutheran Women Missionary League. She was the recipient of the Good Samaritan Award of Bay Shore Lutheran Church, which was awarded by the Lutheran Services of Florida.

Mrs. Gordon was married to the late Rupert Carlton Gordon. They had three daughters: Yvonne Elaine Hill, Patricia Evadne Ferdinand and Rose-Marie Gordon-Wallace. She was blessed with a loving family who took pleasure in every aspect of her life and her interests. I offer my heartfelt condolences to her three daughters; sons-in-law, Tyrone Hill, Donald Ferdinand, Frederick Myers, and Roy Anthony Wallace; her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, sisters, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and all the members of this esteemed legislative body to join me in recognizing the extraordinary life and accomplishments of Mrs. Eglantine Melita Gordon. I am honored to pay tribute to Mrs. Gordon for her invaluable service and tireless dedication to both her church and local community. She will be missed by all who knew her, and I appreciate this opportunity to pay tribute to her before the United States House of Representatives.

### FIREARMS EXCISE TAX IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

### HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 2010

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, this legislation is long overdue. For years, there have been inconsistencies in the manner in which manufacturers pay their taxes. Under current law, firearm and ammunition manufacturers pay excise taxes into the fund on a bi-weekly basis. All other manufacturers pay on a quarterly basis. This legislation will change this inconsistency and bring a little commonsense into our crazy tax system.

I am pleased to be a cosponsor of H.R. 510, to amend the Internal Revenue Code to require that the payment of the manufacturers' excise tax on recreational equipment be paid quarterly. The frequency of tax payments for the firearm and ammunition manufacturers is a burden on the industry. In fact, some manufacturers are forced to secure short-term loans to pay their taxes, thus incurring additional expenses and adding to administrative overhead. The end result is that money is diverted away from core business areas to finance tax payments.

Through this legislation, firearm and ammunition manufacturers will now be able to reinvest more funds into researching and developing new products, purchasing new manufacturing machinery, and increasing marketing and outreach to the hunting and sport shooting community. The federal government will get their taxes, on a quarterly basis as it does from every other manufacturer, so no revenue will be lost.

I urge my colleagues to support the Firearms Excise Tax Improvement Act.

RECOGNIZING THE SALTER FAMILY AS THE 2010 SANTA ROSA COUNTY OUTSTANDING FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct privilege to recognize the Salter family for being named the 2010 Santa Rosa County Outstanding Farm Family of the Year. The hard work and dedication of this family helps not only feed many in the community, but also so many throughout the country. For that reason, Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize their accomplishments.

John, Stacy and their daughter Kailee are fourth generation farmers. The Salter family has been a vital part of the Chumuckla community since the late 1800s. While many things have changed in the field of agricultural science since the 1800s, the Salter family has remained steadfast in their honored tradition of working hard and providing quality goods to market.

In addition to having a determined work ethic that is deeply rooted in the Salter family, they have also begun to sow the seeds of voluntarism in the Northwest Florida community. Mr. John Salter has served as the Chairman of the Blackwater Soil and Conservation District for the past 12 years and is currently Chairman of the Santa Rosa County Farm Service Agency County Committee. Furthermore, Mr. Salter serves as a council member of the Three Rivers Resource Conservation and Development Council. He is also a member of Florida Farm Bureau, Florida Peanut Producers Association and the Southeast Peanut Farmers' Association.

Madam Speaker, our great nation was built by farmers and their families. The Salters serve as an example to all our nation's family farmers. On behalf of the entire United States Congress I applaud their efforts and congratulate them on being named the Santa Rosa County Outstanding Farm Family of the Year. My wife Vicki and I thank them for their work and wish them continued success in the future.

IN MEMORY OF MR. ROBIN WHITLEY HOOD

### HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Robin Whitley Hood, who passed away on Sunday, June 27, in Raleigh, NC. Best known for the smile he brought to other's faces and his lifelong community involvement, Whitley will surely be missed.

Robin Whitley Hood was born on January 1, 1932, in Johnston County to parents John Robert and Cleo Wood Hood. He attended Campbell College and graduated from Wake Forest University, where he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. After graduation, Whitley established Robin Hood Enterprises Inc., which still flourishes today. His companies include Whitley Hood Insurance Agency,